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Message from Director Colleen Callahan



By happenstance last week, a just-released monarch butterfly got an up-close look at the signing document for the new Illinois Monarch Action Plan at Conservation World at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

I'd like to encourage you to take a close look at the Monarch Action Plan to see how you can help save monarchs and other pollinators. As the Plan notes, many pollinators have seen dramatic population declines across the U.S. and around the world, threatening the animals and humans who rely on pollinator activity for survival.

Individuals can help by planting pollinator gardens at home or on the farm, by encouraging the planting of milkweed and other pollinator-friendly habitat on school and business campuses, in community parks and rights-of-way, and wherever open space is available.

We at the IDNR are proud to partner with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Illinois EPA, IDOT and a long list of companies and organizations in supporting the Monarch Action Plan and leading the charge to add 150 million stems of new milkweed in diverse nectar sources in Illinois to support monarch and pollinator conservation.

You'll find the Monarch Action Plan at the Illinois Monarch Project website at IllinoisMonarchProject.org.

Colleen Callahan

Director, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



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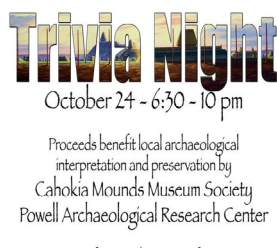
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Illinois State Museum Launches Journal of a Plague Year: Illinois in 2020

The Illinois State Museum (ISM) announced the opening of the Journal of a Plague Year: Illinois in 2020 exhibition, showcasing submissions from its COVID-19 collecting initiative and featuring the photography of local artist Zach Adam. [For more information.](#)



Cahokia Virtual Trivia Night Oct. 24

Join the Cahokia Mounds World Heritage Site Oct. 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a fun night of trivia and support both Cahokia Mounds Museum Society (CMMS) and Powell Archaeological Research Center (PARC). To participate, you will need to be able to participate in a ZOOM meeting on one device while using another to access the Kahoot! app. [For more information.](#)



Lakes Closing to Fishing Soon

Braidwood Lake SFWA will close to fishing for the season Oct. 13. LaSalle Lake SFWA will close to fishing for the 2020 season Oct. 15. Find more information on fishing opportunities through the I Fish Illinois website. [For more information.](#)



IDNR Launches New 'Hunt Illinois' Website

The IDNR has launched the new Hunt Illinois website – an online resource for Illinois residents and visitors to the state interested in hunting in the Land of Lincoln. The website includes information on Illinois hunting seasons, places to hunt, licenses and permits needed, hunting and trapping regulations, hunter harvest reporting, hunter safety, wildlife management, and conservation programs. [For more information.](#)



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Illinois 2020 Fall Trout Season Opens Oct. 17

The 2020 Illinois Fall Trout Fishing Season opens Saturday, Oct. 17 at more than 50 ponds, lakes, and streams throughout the state. The Illinois catchable trout program is funded by those who use the program through the sale of Inland Trout Stamps and the Illinois Fish Management Fund. Check the announcement for [fall trout locations](#).

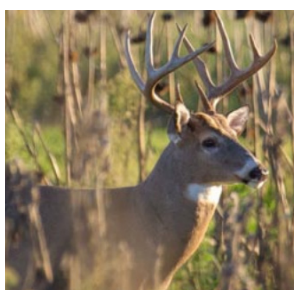


IDNR to Allocate Trapping Permits

A public drawing for the allocation of Sangchris Lake State Park trapping permits will be held at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 17. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the site headquarters, located approximately six miles southeast of Rochester. [For details.](#)



A public drawing for the allocation of Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area trapping permits will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, October 18, 2020. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the site headquarters, located approximately five miles southeast of Chandlerville. [For details.](#)



Youth Firearm Deer Hunting Season

The 2020 Youth Firearm Deer Hunting Season is Oct. 10, 11 and 12. The Youth Firearm Deer Season is open to hunters who have not reached their 18th birthday prior to the opening date of the season. Unfilled Youth Firearm Deer Permits are also valid on private land during the first Firearm Deer Season (Nov. 20-22, 2020), but on public land they may only be used on sites that allow unrestricted hunting to any hunter with a valid county permit. [More info.](#)

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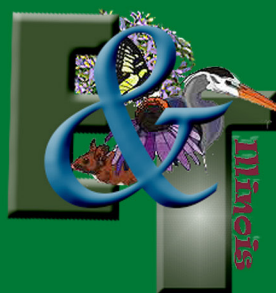
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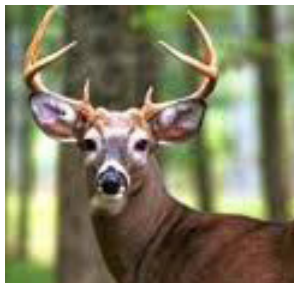
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Select State and Federal Sites Open for Youth Waterfowl Hunting Seasons

A number of Illinois state parks, fish and wildlife areas, conservation areas and recreation areas will be open to youth waterfowl hunting during the 2020 North Zone Youth Waterfowl Hunt, Central Zone Youth Waterfowl Hunt, South Central Zone Youth Waterfowl Hunt and South Zone Youth Waterfowl Hunt. [For details.](#)



Remaining Deer Firearm Permits Available Over-The-Counter Beginning Oct. 20

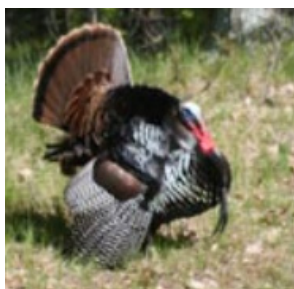
On October 20 at 8:00 a.m. remaining deer firearm permits will go on sale over-the-counter at IDNR License/Permits vendors. [Find a vendor near you here.](#)



Opening of Archery Deer and Fall Archery Turkey Seasons

October 1, 2020 marks the opening of the Illinois Archery Deer Season and the Illinois Fall Archery Turkey Season. For more details, check the links below.

[Archery Deer.](#)
[Fall Archery Turkey.](#)



IDNR Updates Spring Wild Turkey Permit Application Process

The IDNR has updated the process for hunters who wish to enter the lottery for Spring Wild Turkey permits. The new application procedure, adopted earlier this year, will streamline the lotteries for turkey hunters, making it easier to obtain all three of their permits online rather than a combination of online and over-the-counter. [For details.](#)



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Windshield Cards for Public Land Hunting/Trapping
Free Windshield Cards are required to hunt deer and record hunting effort/harvest at many Illinois Public Hunting Areas. [Cards are available.](#)

Hunters are required to return to this website prior to Feb. 15 each year to record harvest information.



Chronic Wasting Disease Management

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Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a fatal disease of the central nervous system in deer and elk. Since the first case of CWD was discovered in Illinois, the IDNR has conducted a targeted surveillance program for CWD in wild deer. [For more details.](#)



Lost Safety Education Card

If you have lost your Illinois Safety Education Card and need to reprint it, or just need to look up your Safety Certification Number, go online to the [IDNR website.](#)



Hunter Heritage Videos

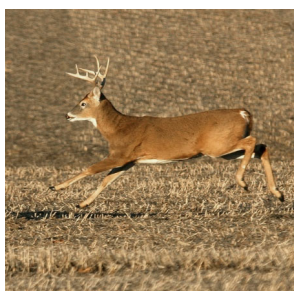
New videos created by the IDNR Wildlife Division Hunter Heritage program focus on the fun and importance of hunting to wildlife conservation. [Enjoy the videos online.](#)

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Upcoming ENTICE Professional Development Workshops

Register soon for ENTICE (Environment and Nature Training Institute for Conservation Education) professional development workshops for educators sponsored by the IDNR. ENTICE workshops provide background information, networking opportunities, hands-on lessons, supplemental resources on the topic and the opportunity to work with resources professionals. Professional Development Hours are available. Correlations to relevant Next Generation Science Standards and/or Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards are provided. [For details.](#)



Deer Are On the Move

Be on the lookout year round for deer on and near Illinois roadways. Be especially vigilant during deer breeding season this fall. IDOT and IDNR remind motorists to stay alert and don't veer for deer. [For more information.](#)



Labor Day Ceremony at Pullman National Monument

The IDNR, the National Park Service (NPS), and local officials participated in a ceremonial groundbreaking on Labor Day (Sept. 7, 2020) for the \$34 million restoration of the Pullman National Monument/Pullman State Historic Site historic Clock Tower Administration Building and rail car manufacturing grounds at 111th Street and Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago. The collaborative project, when completed, will allow the public to safely visit the historic site and learn about the rich heritage of the Pullman site and community. [Learn more.](#)



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